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CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

IN MALAYA

Concessions Unlikely

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Mar. 30.—The Government is not likely to yield immediate concessions in the way of rapid constitutional progress as a result of proposals forwarded to London by the President of the Malaya National Organisation.

In Whitehall today there was no comment obtainable from the Colonial Office. The Colonial Secretary has received a number of recommendations from Mr. Malcolm MacDonald but they have not yet been received, it is understood.

The view taken governmentally is that the Malayan community have been given a very large measure of political responsibility—or the means to assert it if they are capable—and a further definite step of political advancement must wait on proof that the Malayan leaders are able to bear the responsibility already within reach.

POLICY UNCHANGED

It was emphasized to me that the British Labour Government's policy toward Malaya has not changed, and Mr. Attlee's recent answer to the question reaffirmed this. But that answer was by no means intended to indicate a modification of the constitution of the Federation of Malaya, even if the change were concealed as a mere change of form.

The Malaya National Organisation asked for ministerial responsibility without ministerial titles, to merely adapting rather than changing the constitution.

Mr. Attlee's statement that policy was a "steady, democratic progress towards self-government" was made in answer to questions among Conservative MPs who wanted assurances that the Government had no intention of substituting in any respect to Communist pressure. The words were intended to contrast steady, democratic progress to the Communist erratic revolutionary "progress."

Ethel Moller Protest

London, Mar. 30.—Britain is protesting to the Chinese Nationalists about the detention of Amoy, Ethel Moller, it was authoritatively stated in London today.

The representations are being made by the British Consul in Tamsui, Taiwan. Britain has no diplomatic relations with the Chinese Nationalist Government but retains a Consul in Taiwan to handle local British interests in contact with the administrative authorities.—Reuter.

One For The Road!

Bombay, Mar. 30.—All clubs and hotels here held special dances tonight to exhaust liquor stocks in their cellars before Bombay City and the province go completely dry tomorrow. Citizens flocked to bars for a last drink.

Total prohibition overtakes the province's 20,000,000 on April 1 but bars, liquor shops and today booths throughout the province closed down "for good" tonight, tomorrow, the monthly pay-day, being a dry day.

The official inauguration of prohibition with street singing and other festivities on April 6 is expected to be attended by President Rajendra Prasad.

The Bombay Home Minister, Morarji Desai, declared tonight that those who cherished hopes of challenging prohibition through the law courts were "wasting their time."

The Government was determined to enforce prohibition and would evolve new legislation if the present legislation was found to be ineffective, he said.

Government servants who do not fall in line with the Government's prohibition policy "would have to go," he declared.—Reuter.

9 MEN DIE IN BLAZE

Philadelphia, Mar. 30.—Nine male patients—some strapped to concrete bunks and others trapped in barred and bolted rooms—died in a fire which swept through one wing of the Belle Vista private sanatorium near here.

Two firemen, a nurse and at least 80 other patients, men and women, were injured or overcome by smoke as flames swept from the basement to upper rooms last night.

The sanatorium treats convalescent, senile, nervous and mental cases.

SCORES RESCUED

Rescuers ripped thick wire mesh from windows to lead scores of patients to safety.

Some of the male patients who died were fastened to bunks upon which they had lain without mattresses and only a few blankets. A few wore slat jackets.

The local police said they thought that a patient might have started the fire.

A joint investigation was begun immediately by the State police, local police and the fire department.

The fire at the sanatorium, which lies on the north-western edge of Philadelphia, was the third there in 14 months. It broke out in the basement of the two-story, wood and stone building. Only the swift action of rescuers and the resourcefulness of nurses and other members of the staff prevented panic.—Reuter.

ADmits STARTING FIRE
Philadelphia, Mar. 30.—The State Police said a convicted prisoner today confessed that he started the fire which killed nine persons in the Belle Vista private sanatorium.

An investigator said Nicholas Verina, 26, admitted starting the fire.—United Press.

Village Destroyed

Cairo, Mar. 30.—Press reports said today that a fire destroyed 120 houses in Rah Ania, a small lower Egyptian village, on Wednesday. Three persons were injured.—United Press.

Actress Disappears

Paris, Mar. 30.—Surety detectives swarmed over the stage of the Grand Guignol Theatre today probing for a clue to the mysterious disappearance of the blonde actress, Nicole Riche.

The actress vanished last night in a thin costume negligee between the second and third acts of "No Orchids for Miss Blandish" after receiving a false message from an unknown man.

Her dresser said that Mademoiselle Riche turned pale when she read the message, which had been given to a theatre attendant by a tall, blonde man in a beige overcoat.

In her haste to get away, Miss Riche dropped the note she had received. It read: "Mademoiselle: Excuse me for bothering you. I wish to see you very urgently about your mother. I shall meet you in the hall. Best wishes." Signed: Richard Tesse (or Messa).—Reuter.

Lattimore Denounced As A Soviet Agent SLASHING ATTACK ON DIPLOMAT BY SENATOR McCARTHY

Washington, Mar. 30.—Senator Joseph McCarthy said on Thursday that Mr. Owen Lattimore "is a Soviet agent, and is or has been a member of the Communist Party."

McCarthy said he can produce a witness who will testify under oath that Lattimore has been a member of the Communist Party "for many years."

McCarthy repeated and elaborated on his previous charges against Lattimore during a long speech on the Senate floor. He promised to issue specific details on his charges that the State Department is loaded with pro-Communists. He told the Senate he would give the name of his proposed witness to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the conclusion of his speech today.

He said this witness, firstly, has been a "member of the Communist Party for many years;" secondly, was "high up in Communist circles;" thirdly, carried out Party work which "required that he know members of the Party;" fourthly, would testify that "Lattimore was known to him to be a member of the Communist Party, a member over whom they had disciplinary powers."

McCarthy said the State Department has called Lattimore "the architect of our Far Eastern policy." He said it would have been "irresponsible to a most alarming degree" if he had not checked his information carefully. He accused the State Department's "closed corporation of unapproachable" of calling for advice upon "crackpots" and "to put it mildly, poor security risks."

Soon after McCarthy began to speak, there was standing room only in the galleries, and the back of the Senate chamber was jammed with House members who had travelled from the other side of the Capitol.

CONFUSING LANGUAGE

McCarthy told his hushed audience that some "confusing" language has been used in his investigation. He said his cases have been termed "Communist, pro-Communist, and bad security risks." He added: "I think a more proper term would be bad policy, which furthers the policies of the totalitarian half of the world at the expense of the God-fearing free half of the world. He conceded that these are probably only a small percentage of government workers. But that small percentage can, and has been doing almost untold damage."

He said he was accusing Lattimore as an "agent of Russia" only after he had made a "deep and painstaking study." He said he would be "guilty of worse than treason" if he did not make public the knowledge he has of Lattimore.

Said McCarthy: "When I started this investigation, I realised that the odds were greatly against me. I realised the odds were greatly against me in my attempt to clean out a small percentage of twisted intellectuals in the State Department."

READS AFFIDAVIT

He said he could give the FBI the name of a second witness who is willing to testify under subpoena that he "met and got to know Owen Lattimore in Moscow." He read from what he said was an affidavit that the witness claimed Owen Lattimore "and E. C. Carter were obviously receiving instructions" from the Soviets in Moscow at the time the witness knew Lattimore. He said this witness asked that his name not be used publicly.

The third "witness" McCarthy explained, "was reluctant to sign his name" because he feared for his job and preferred not to testify because he "might be given a rough time by the Committee." He said his testimony tied in Lattimore with the case of John Service, a foreign service officer once accused but then cleared in connection with a theft of State Department papers during the war.

McCarthy read the Senate two affidavits and a document (Contd. on Page 5, Col. 1)

DEATH OF M. LEON BLUM Famous French Socialist

Paris, Mar. 30.—The veteran French Socialist leader, M. Leon Blum, died today at the age of 78.

M. Blum was seriously ill in May last year and had two operations. He was suffering from phlebitis. A distinguished lawyer, journalist and politician, M. Blum was France's first Jewish and first Socialist Prime Minister.

The erudite Parisian was three times Premier. He failed by only 10 votes to head the Government for a fourth time in November, 1947. French Moderates had denounced him as the "rich leader of poor Socialists."

Up to the time of first becoming Premier in 1936, at least, he was a man of comparatively moderate means.

During the war M. Blum was tried at Vichy and imprisoned by the Germans.

He died suddenly today at Jouy-en-Josas, his country home outside Paris. He had recently lived quietly in retirement, but still contributed frequently to the Socialist newspaper.

M. Blum was in good health yesterday and his death came as a complete surprise to his friends, a Socialist Party spokesman said. Maitre Blum, a close friend of M. Blum, who was head of his private office during his prewar Premiership, said today that M. Blum had probably died of the illness which had caused his retirement from politics, which was believed to have been cancer.

DIED WRITING

All leading figures of the French political world, from the President of the Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, to back-room officials of the Socialist Party, tonight went to pay a last visit to M. Leon Blum, at Clos-Jes-Metz, where he died today.

Madame Blum told them her husband sat down to write an article for Le Populaire after lunch. At 10 minutes to three he said he did not feel well and would finish the article later. Forty minutes later he was dead.

At the Socialist Party Headquarters tonight, the red flag was flown at half-mast. A rosette of black crepe was attached to the flag.

It is unofficially learned that the funeral will take place on Sunday at Jouy-en-Josas.—Reuter.

NAILS WIFE IN HER BEDROOM

Los Angeles, Mar. 30.—Mrs. Mabelle Dudeney, 44, won a divorce from salesman Roy Dudeney, 44, on evidence that he nailed her in her bedroom after they quarrelled.

She said: "He takes nails and hammer and nails the door so I can't get out. Once I was nailed in for a week."—United Press.

Capt. Pleads Guilty

Norfolk, Virginia, Mar. 30.—Captain William C. Brown, who was in command of the battleship Missouri (45,000 tons), when she ran aground on Chesapeake Bay in January, pleaded guilty here today to charges of negligence and neglect of duty.

He faced a court martial composed of four Rear Admirals and three Captains.—Reuter.

Curse Of Education?

Edinburgh, Texas, Mar. 30.—Mrs. John Williams Harrington asked for a divorce because her husband has four college degrees and she never went to college. She said: "It's downright embarrassing."—United Press.

Invitation To W. Germany & Saar

Strasbourg, Mar. 30.—The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe today decided to invite Western Germany and the Saar to become associate members of the Council of Europe.

Associate members are represented in the Consultative Assembly but not in the Committee of Foreign Ministers. There are no conditions attached to the invitations except acceptance of the Statute of the Council, and willingness to accept and abide by its provisions. The conditions are being drafted tonight and will be sent tomorrow to Germany through the three High Commissioners and to the Saar through the French Government.

M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, stated at the conclusion of today's session: "There are no conditions attached to the invitations other than acceptance of the Statute of the Council and willingness to abide by its provisions."

QUESTIONS ONLY

M. Schuman said that he wished unofficially to correct the impression that Dr. Konrad Adenauer had laid down conditions for West Germany's membership in his recent letter to the three High Commissioners.

His three points were not conditions, but questions to which answers had not been given. It was now up to Western Germany to decide whether the Council of Europe's invitation was acceptable.

Observers here interpreted the decision as evidence that an agreement has been reached in Bonn between Dr. Adenauer and the three High Commissioners and that Dr. Adenauer is reasonably confident that the form of the invitation will be acceptable to the Bundestag (the West German Parliament).

The Committee of Ministers also considered today its relationship to the Consultative Assembly. It agreed, M. Schuman stated, that there was a lack of contact and liaison

between the two bodies and that this situation needed improvement.

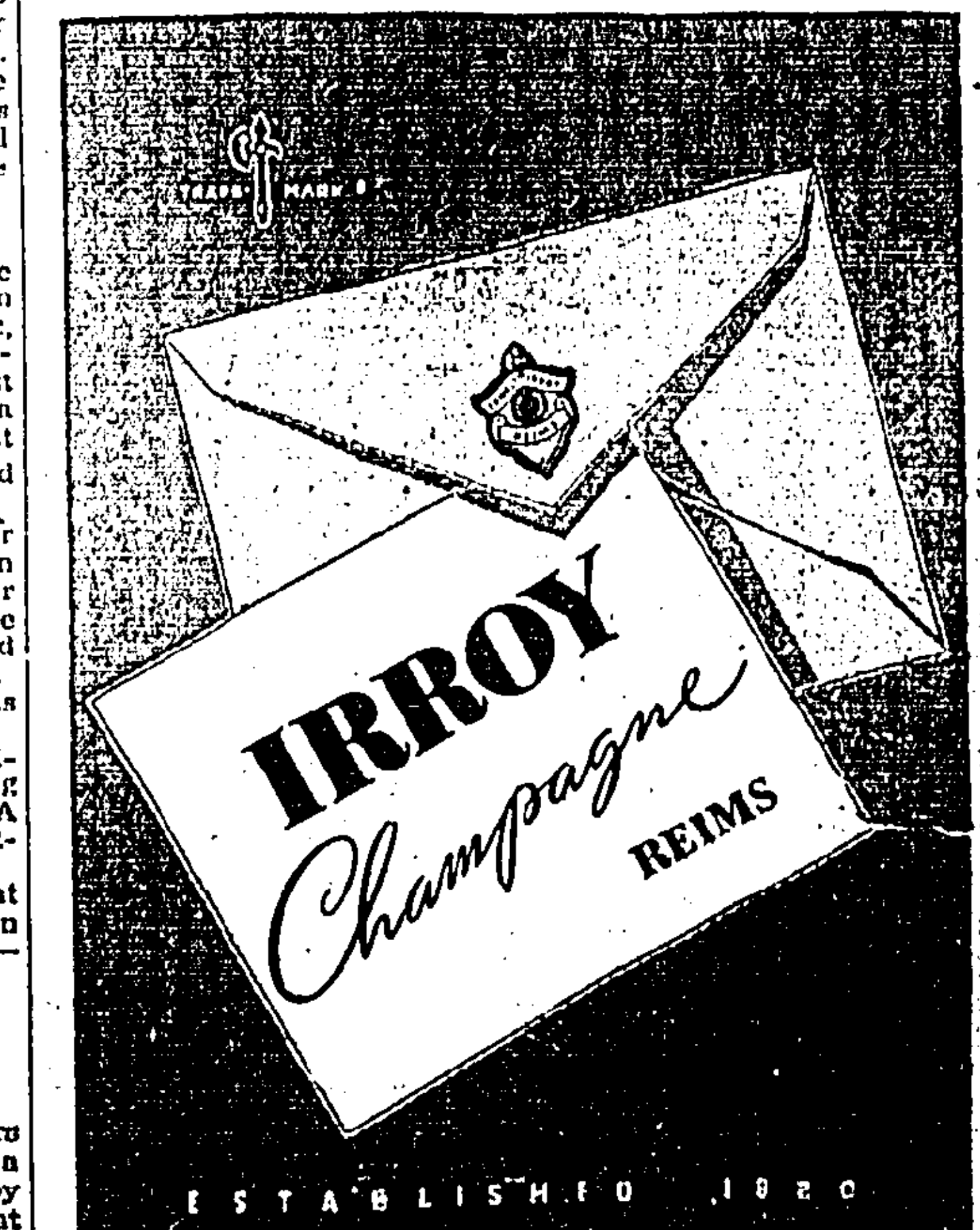
BEVIN ARRIVES

The Ministers studied the various proposals that have been submitted by the Assembly's Committee and the Secretariat of the Council to this end and decided to name some of its members to maintain permanent contact with the Consultative Assembly.

Mr. Ernest Bevin (Britain) arrived here by road at midday after an overnight stop at Verdun. He was reported to be in fair health and to have made an uneventful journey from Caen.

Tonight the visiting Ministers will be the guests of the French Foreign Ministers at an informal dinner at the Strasbourg Prefecture.

A Council spokesman said today that yesterday's meeting of advisers was concerned with procedural questions and did not attempt to discuss the admission of new members.—Reuter.



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Travel Togs



By ALICE ALDEN

Fabric and clothes manufacturers have come through with wrinkle-shedding, easy-to-laundry fabrics, and mix and match ensembles that make travelling light and pleasant. Celanese chiffon jersey, zephyr weight and a good wrinkle-shedder, is used for this neat outfit. As shown, the halter top is worn with a plain, contrasting skirt, over which a separate pannelled apron is added to the halter to make it a good shirt and board two-toned dress. With the apron removed, and the jacket added, the costume becomes a smart suit for going-ashore excursions.

Ginghams Go Everywhere—

GINGHAMS are going everywhere now. They're going dancing, they're going to the beach—some of them even go swimming! In playclothes, look for the "little boy" look. Look for beach costumes with the quick wrap-on skirt, the classic striped tube shirt or the sun-bonnet beach top. And look for dresses that continue definitely and delightfully bare.

Coloured woven collars go golfing and dancing, bathing and beaching. Cotton for high style fashions there are ginghams in smashing harlequin plaids, in small delicate pastel plaids and in the tiniest of tiny checks.

An American uses a bold black and white and red checkerboard cotton plaid in a simple sleeveless bodice worn with a handsome box pleated skirt.

Chire McCordell favours old-fashioned line checks in pale, pastel shades of violet, yellow or pink in the Gibson Girl silhouette, with huge butterfly bouffant sleeves.

Double Dressers are becoming increasingly popular to blend with those double dresses in beads, those large, feathery collars and other pieces so much in vogue these days. And there are mirrors designed to fit in with various periods and decors. When a mirror is framed, the frame is not to be very light and pretty. One house shows a lovely mirror, with a light narrow, Chinese frame that should be at home with all but a very stark modern interior.

As to the merits of the framed mirror against one with a bevelled or beaded edge, while the latter fits smartly and unobtrusively into any decor,

WOMANSENSE

PARIS CREATES.... LONDON IMITATES

THE theory that Paris creates and London imitates applies to the many smart accessories I have seen in London stores.

New straw bonnets, jewellery, scarves, and blouses shown in Paris only three weeks ago are on sale here.

In some cases the difference in price from the French original is almost too absurd to compare.

But it is not always the London shopper who gets the bargain.

While the straw bonnet in Paris would have cost probably £15, the London copy is 49s. 6d. But a tangerine-coloured chiffon square is only 5s. in Paris. The cheapest I could find in London was 12s. 11d.

Golby has sketched a few "hot from Paris" accessories. The bonnet is trim and tailored, and you give it the new "backer" well by simply gathering the edge of the existing veil on to a piece of narrow velvet to fit round your throat. I chose this hat in burnt straw with black—a new-season colour combination.

The Difference

A TANGERINE chiffon square is gathered into a large antique ring, and the gloves are white pique shorties. A star bracelet, bib necklace, and drop earring set in an exact Paris copy. In London they sell for less than £10. In Paris for about £30.

A refreshing contrast to the bonnet and point was made by Princess Margaret at a London theatre recently.



Her only jewellery was a string of pearls, and her make-up was pale and natural looking.

At Dior's Boutique in Paris I saw simple shirt-waist cotton dresses in an unusual harlequin print of black and yellow diamonds.

The dresses sold, with one fitting only, for nearly £30. One London store is selling the exact material at 5s. 11d. per yard. So the dress could be copied for about £1.

Doctors do not approve of the flat bust-lines and boyish hips most women need to achieve the new Paris silhouette, and manufacturers who value the support of doctors are refusing to operate with the fashion houses.

Cheaper Bunches

ARTIFICIAL spring flowers are cheaper than they have been for years. I have seen some delightful bunches of natural-looking wild daffodils for 8s. 6d.

Recipe: A salad recipe which is different. Stuff celery hearts with chopped nuts, cover with mayonnaise and serve in crisp green lettuce cups.

Susan Deacon
—London Express Service.

Talking Doll En Route To Hongkong

A new British doll that talks, laughs, gurgles, cries and goes to sleep, is on its way to nurseries in Belgium, Australia, Canada, Hongkong, Singapore, and the West Indies according to "The Nation" a Rangoon paper. The doll is 20 inches high and the dress, which is provided with the doll, is satin blue. Its body is made of thin rubber of skin texture, and the eyes are spring loaded to peer out when being pushed in. The talking mechanism is a sound track driven by a clockwork motor. When it is wound up the speech is set in motion by pressing a button. When the button is pressed it will talk and sing a nursery song. The doll is soon to be equipped to speak in French and Danish.

Buttons Up



She buttons up her evening gown of silver satin, Diane Hart, 22, recently returned from New York's Broadway, went to the Arts Theatre Club to hear Frances Day speak at the club's monthly supper.

—London Express Service.

Ways to Ward Off Weariness



Always remove all make-up with a good cream before getting into the tub. Relaxing in the steamy atmosphere of a warm bath will freshen the complexion.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE are times when even the prettiest girl can't bear to look in the mirror, she is so tired, played out and wilted. She has been tearing around all day and the best bet is going to take her out to dance and she feels that she looks as old as the hills. She needs a beauty brace, a pick up treatment. If she can spare an hour, a pseudo-change will take place, a magic restoration.

First, a warm bath to take the weariness out of her bones in order to make the nervous system stop troubling her. Before getting into the tub she should remove make-up with cream, plenty of the emollient on her skin. An oily cosmetic and steamy atmosphere will bring lovely colouring to her cheeks, freshen her complexion. She should relax in the warm water. She should close her eyes and the door of her mind, do a mental flop.

A cold shower and a brisk rub down will rouse the blood to its normal state and dispense of fatigue bugs. A friction with a fragrant bath tonic will give her even more energy and a sense of restoration. With a cold compress over her eyes she should lie down for half an hour, thinking of nothing. Let us hope that she can give herself plenty of time to array herself for the merry evening so she won't appear flustered when the best beau arrives.

She would be wise to use a foundation cosmetic before laying on the powder and other toiletries that come out of the make-up box. A good foundation means that she will not have to patch up her cosmetic scenery during the evening, can feel serene, know that she looks tip-top.

A suggestion of eye shadow, a touch of perfume and our girl awaits the suitor.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Dinner "En Papier"

THE stars in the star-lighted roof of the Waldorf looked down on a new scene. A complete six course luncheon served entirely in paper "dishes".

Fruit Cocktail
Fine-diced enough froch or tinned pineapple, fresh pears and peeled eating apples to make 1½ c. Add 1 tbsp. lemon juice and ¼ tsp. honey mixed. Chill and serve in a glass fruit cocktail glass. Top with 3 whole sections grapefruit. Garnish each serving with 1 preserved kumquat.

Chicken Pot Pie
Clean, tweeze out the pin feathers and scrub one (3 lb.) chicken with mild soapy water. Then rinse thoroughly. Place in a kettle, add 1 qt. boiling water, ½ c. celery leaves, ½ a bayleaf, ½ tsp. thyme, 1 sprig parsley and 2 tsp. salt. Cover closely; bring to boiling point and simmer until the chicken is tender, about 1½ hrs. (Or use 1 pt. hot water and pressure-cook at 15 lbs. for 35 min.) When done, cool, remove the skin, and cut the chicken in bite-sized pieces. Make a thick gravy from 3 c. chicken broth and add the chicken. Then finish as follows: Have ready 4 peeled cooked carrots cut in 1" lengths, 4 small onions or 8 very small onions, and the caps from ½ lb. medium-sized mushrooms, which have been sautéed 5 min. in a little butter. In 4 individual casseroles or half-pt. paper cups, arrange alternate layers of the chicken and the vegetables. Pour in the gravy. Top with rich pastry bringing it slightly over the edges of the containers; slash in the centre to let the steam escape. Brush with 1 egg yolk slightly beaten with 1 tsp. milk. Bake about 25 min., or until golden brown, in a moderate oven, 375 F. For serving top each pie with a small sprig of parsley.

Luncheon Or Dinner "En Papier"
Fruit Cocktail
Pettie Marmite Henry IV.
Chicken Pot Pie
Green Peas Rolls
Tossed Green Salad with Roquefort Dressing
Coconut Snowballs with Hot Branded Cherries
Petits Fours Salted Nuts Coffee

For all-paper service arrange the fruit cocktail in 4 oz. paper cups and stand on an 8" plastic surface plate covered with a small lace doily. Serve the petite marmite in an 8 oz. heavy paper cup and use the same plate underneath that was used for the fruit cocktail. Bake the chicken pot pie in 8 oz. heavy paper cups and stand for serving on a 9" plastic surface plate. Serve the peas in single portion paper cups. The green salad should be served on an 8" plastic surface plate, with the coconut snowballs with cherries in paper sauce dishes. Pass the petits fours on a 9" plastic surface plate covered with a lace paper doily; and serve the coffee in two-handled hot-drink

To make the snowballs you will need 1 qt. bulk vanilla ice-cream. Shape into balls with an ice-cream scoop. Roll in shredded coconut and place in a waxed paper lined freezing tray in the refrigerator to freeze until very hard. Serve with hot cherry sauce.

For these use a 1 pt. carton vanilla or butter pecan ice-cream. Cut it in 4 bars. Roll in shredded coconut and finish as described. Hot Cherry Sauce: Drain the juice from 1 tin Bing cherries and put in a sauce pan. Add ¼ c. granulated sugar and ½ tsp. grated lemon rind; boil until the juice is reduced about one-fourth. Add 1 c. of about point and simmer 2 min.

POLL ON LEOPOLD HAS WEAKENED BELGIAN THRONE

By A Brussels Correspondent

The Belgium referendum — I almost said by-election — on King Leopold's return has been half-drama, half-farce. One thing is clear — the most stable and unquestioned monarchy on the Continent has been grievously weakened as a result.

Convoy PQ 18 made his fame



ADMIRAL BURNETT of the Marmaric run

Navy Lose Man Nazis Feared

A BERKSHIRE-born, 62-year-old Admiral Sir Robert Burnett, Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, the man whom the German Navy feared to lose, has been ordered to retire.

In him the Navy has lost a man whose name flashed into the headlines of the world's Press on September 26, 1942.

On that date there appeared the account of how, in the new Arctic convoy PQ 18, he averaged great losses, and emerged to Murmansk a host of merchantmen carrying vital supplies.

Then a real admiral (destroyers) he flew his flag in the light cruiser Scylla, and successfully worked the "Burnett Plan" to beat the Luftwaffe and U-boats which had taken a savage toll of convoy after convoy on the long run from Scapa Flow to Murmansk and Archangel.

THE SCHARNHORST

"Bob" was also the man who found the Scharnhorst on Boxing Day, 1943, in the darkness north of North Cape.

She slipped out of his hands after she had been hit, but the admiral anticipated the enemy's intentions and found her again several hours later exactly where he predicted she would be.

This time, with the darkness of the Arctic night astern of Belfast, Sheffield and Norfolk, he nursed her down into the clutches of the Home Fleet Battle Squadron, under Admiral Sir Bruce, now Lord Fraser.

The guns of the Duke of York and the torpedoes of British and Norwegian destroyers sent the blazing pride of the German Fleet to her doom in 1939.

'ON THE BEACH'

And now "Bob" Burnett, later C-in-C South Atlantic, has hauled down his flag where he started and is going "on the beach" after what he says have been "47½ really good years."

Admiral Sir Rhoderick McGrigor, known throughout the Navy as "Wee Mac," has hoisted his flag as Admiral Burnett's successor at Admiralty House, Plymouth.

—London Express Service.

When the issue of Leopold's conduct during the war first inflamed Belgian politics, there was never any question about the monarchy.

The Belgians have an almost Victorian adulation for their Royal Family. Royalty in Belgium has excited the dour Flemish-speaking population with their more fiery French-speaking compatriots.

FEW REPUBLICANS

The result is that republicanism is almost non-existent in Belgium.

It is this adoration of the Royal Family which explains the fact that Leopold still has more than half the country behind him, despite his wartime behaviour — and, even more serious, his unpopular wartime marriage to a commoner, the beautiful Mrs. Lilian Baels.

The working class took the uncompromising view — "The king should have married one of his own class." Leopold widened an issue which at first concerned only himself personally, into one concerning the monarchy.

STRIDENT POSTERS

It was Leopold who insisted on the referendum. It seemed him that once a king becomes the subject of an election, he ceases to be a king; he becomes the head of a party.

The Leopold referendum was a bitter personal tragedy for the Belgian Royal Family. The strident posters exploiting the memory of the late Queen Astrid against her husband must have caused considerable pain to the aged Queen Mother.

Meanwhile, Brussels has maintained its almost legendary sense of luxury. Even visitors from Paris are overwhelmed by the scale on which plenty has been lavished on this modest-sized capital.

It is advisable in Brussels never to eat out alone, if only because the menus need four hands to hold them.

It is with relief that one discovers a restaurant where the menu can be read in less than half an hour.

20-YEAR-OLD TUNES

After tea-time prosperous citizens adjourn to night clubs to dance to some of the 1930 tunes played by a fifty-trumpet quartet, or to one of the innumerable face curtain bars.

Price have soared so much that the most obvious economy for a visitor is to eat only once a day.

Footnote—The British Ambassador's residence has an atmosphere of British restraint. The door to the visitor's building is so small that when Mr. Devin visited Brussels recently the Embassy had to be told his measurements in case he could not enter the room.

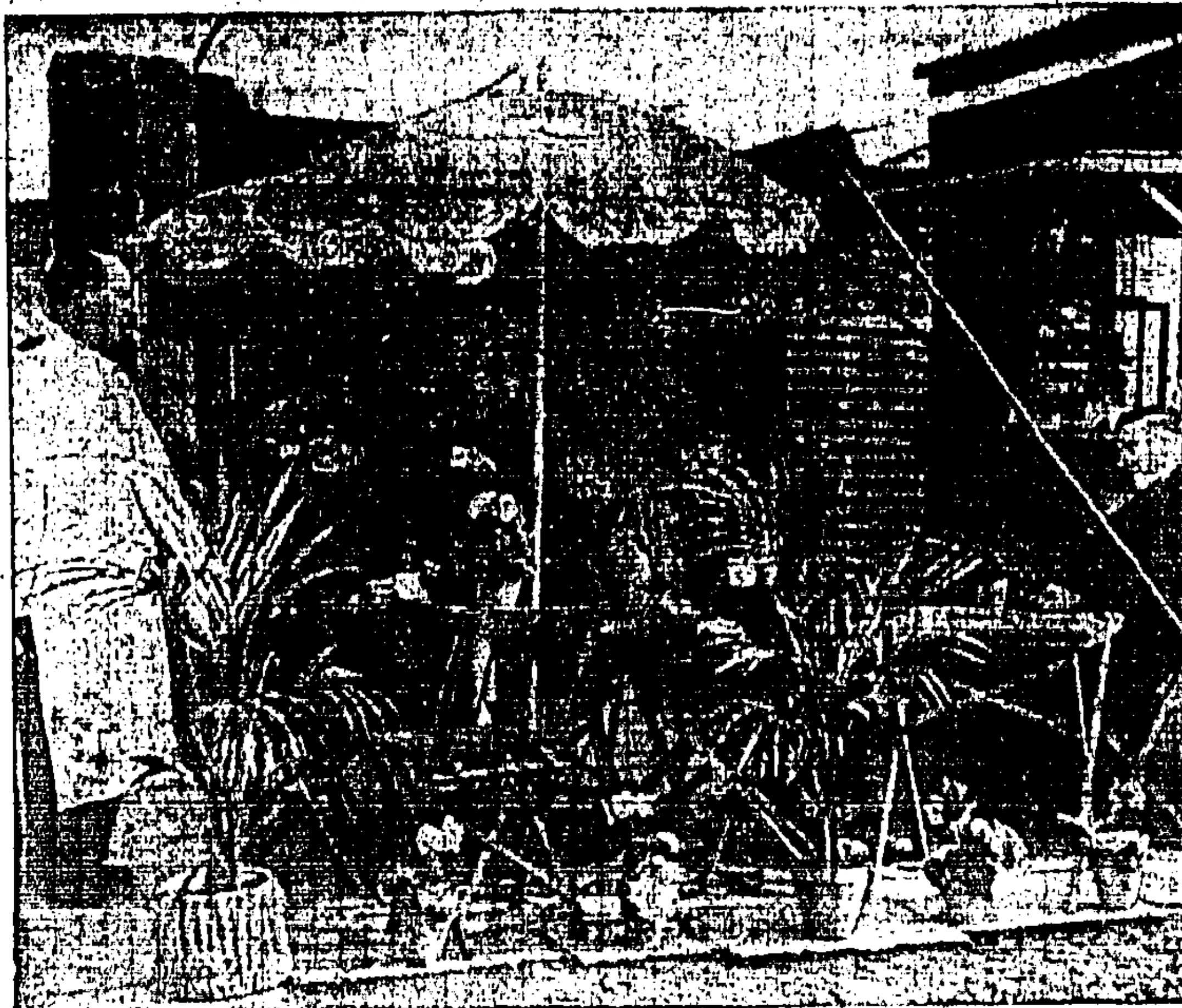
Not Errol Flynn After All

Lassie has a rival. Francis, a 12-year-old male, is making a personal appearance tour of America.

In New Orleans, he appeared on TV and led a parade. A Buffalo, New York, department store made him guest of honour for a day. In Miami, Florida, the swank Roney Plaza Hotel gave him a cabana to himself.

Francis's claim to notoriety is based on his valiant assertion, in a movie called "Francis," that he fought and won the battle of Burma almost single-handed. In his movie debut, Francis earns £45 a week.

THE FRENCH LOOK IN LONDON



Arthur Everitt, left, proprietor of a coffee stall in London, wanted to bring a touch of the French boulevards to his establishment on Old Kent Road. His efforts apparently were not wasted; those plants seem to be pleasing his customers. — (Acme).

Georgian Atmosphere Created For A Day

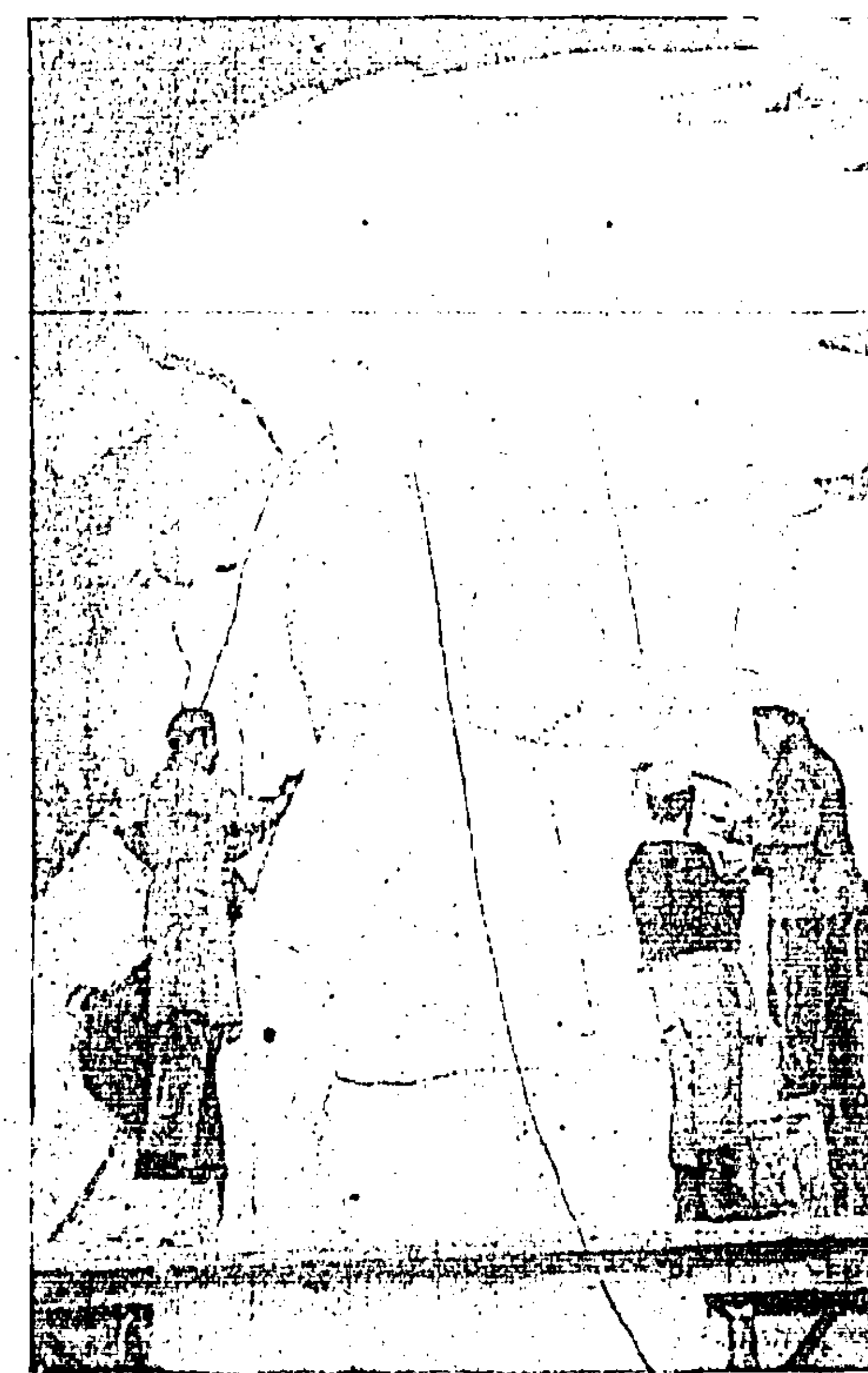
By J. W. Erskine

London, Mar. 20. — A small, private exhibition was held recently in Burlington House, home of the Royal Academy. Private letters from Lord Burlington to H.M. King George II, caricatures by Hogarth, original sketches by Inigo Jones, and rare first editions of books on architecture were on show.

The exhibition was arranged by the Georgian Group, and the small collection was designed to show the beginnings of the Palladian Movement. Unfortunately, great numbers of the public who are interested in this most graceful era of English history, will never see these rare exhibits, for they were on show for only one night.

At a reception held during the evening, some three hundred members of the society had the pleasure of seeing these rare documents, which trace the complete history of Burlington House, H.M. The Queen, saw it during the afternoon.

GIFT FROM ITALY



Workmen apply a preliminary clay coating to a 20-foot-high chalk model in a bronze works in Rome, Italy. The statue, one of four executed in America, will be cast in bronze as a gift from the Italian Government for installation on the Arlington Bridge in Washington, D. C. (Acme).

Mr. A.W. Acworth, who is the Honorary Secretary of the Group, has written an excellent small book on Georgian buildings in the Caribbean. He explained how difficult it was for those who are accustomed to Palladian architecture, whether it is the Banqueting House in Whitehall or the latest example of "Bankers' Georgian" to realise how revolutionary were the designs which Inigo Jones initiated, and which Burlington and his friends carried through successfully.

The work of Inigo Jones was fresh, clean and novel. He had the courage to put up, in the midst of over-decorated, moulioned, gabled houses, a pure Italian building, which time in its elaborate setting and can be described as nothing less than sensational.

Burlington House, a short distance down Piccadilly, is well-known by visitors to London. Although now altered both inside and outside, the nucleus of Burlington House survives from the building designed by Sir John Denham for the first Earl of Burlington.

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Services' Savile Row at Woolwich

"NEW LOOK" DESIGNED FOR THE ARMY

Creating a new uniform for the Services takes almost as much skill and experience as that behind a Spring Collection of the Parisian Big Five! Giving the Army a "new look" calls for a thorough knowledge of military traditions and ability to reconcile these with modern trends in dress: it needs an organisation of craftsmen and business experts which can at once meet the wishes of the War Office, satisfy the conditions of mass-production and, above all, ensure that the taxpayer's money is not wasted.

The Army's new "No. 1 Dress," which made its first appearance on the arrival in Britain recently of M. Vincent Auried, is an example. Behind the smart blue uniforms worn by regimental bands which greeted the French President lay a long history of careful design and painstaking planning.

The man behind the No. 1 Dress is Mr. J. W. Thomas, MBE, who first entered the world of military uniforms in 1900, when he joined what was then the Royal Army Clothing Factory. He is now head of the Ministry of Supply's Garment Development Section at Woolwich, where almost every item of Service clothing, from Guardsmen's overcoats to WRAC pyjamas, sees the light of day.

Tucked away behind the high, foot-cranes of the Woolwich Arsenal, the Garment Development Section is a fantastic mixture of Savile Row tailoring, modern factory-made clothing and theatrical costumery. It was at the Garment Development Section, back in 1946, that the new No. 1 Dress was born.

20 DESIGNS

In answer to a War Office request for a new ceremonial and "walking-out" uniform, Mr. Thomas and his staff produced 20 different designs. These were shown to officers and other ranks from regiments throughout the Army, the choice of the present design being based to a great extent on their opinions. The GDS then produced 100 prototypes of the new uniform which, at a parade held at Buckingham Palace in July 1946, finally gained Royal approval.

Shortly after this, the public were given a "sneak preview" of the No. 1 Dress, when some 700 uniforms in the new design were worn by an Army mechanised column which was touring Britain in a mammoth recruiting drive. Since then, shortages of materials and money held up production until this year.

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Sharing Mr. Gazzard's room at Woolwich is "the estimating cutter," who spends his life solving giant jig-saw puzzles. Standing at a long, broad table, the surface of which is marked out in the widths of various materials, he takes the shaped cardboard patterns and arranges and re-arranges them until they are fitted together on the table as compactly as possible.

Twisting and turning the patterns, fitting the angle of a lapel snugly into the curve of a sleeve, he finally achieves his solution—the minimum length of cloth needed to produce the garment in question. In technical terms, this is the "garment."

This means money saved for the taxpayer. An inch gained by the estimating cutter on his laying-out table may mean hundreds of yards saved by contractors on an order of, perhaps, 10,000 or more garments.

An example of this was a contract for some 70,000 demobilisation raincoats given to a manufacturer. His first price was too high, because of wasteful cutting of material. Given garments produced at Woolwich, he saved 15d per raincoat—which meant £6,782 saved for the taxpayer.

A useful source of income at Woolwich is also provided by the sale of patterns to contractors. They now run at some £250 a year, but during the war they provided approximately £2,000 annually for the Exchequer.

The task of preparing specifications for the contractor is still not finished after the estimating cutter has solved his jig-saw. In addition, every inch of stitching in the prototype garment is measured to discover the minimum amount of thread needed, and the exact length of all linings, interlinings, piping and half canvas must be calculated.

In the case of the new No. 1 Dress, regimental variations in colour and design call for many "separate specifications." Manufactured in barathra for war-torn officers, sergeants and other ranks in blue for the bulk of the Army and green for the rifle regiments, the tunics will be decorated with piping in a wide range of regimental colours, making 57 distinct varieties of tunic in all.

Peaked forage cap. Trainers will be in three colours, blue, green and, for the 11th Hussars, crimson. Double and single stripes at the side in widths from one to two inches, will be in scarlet for the infantry and individual colours for other regiments, adding up to 53 variations.

There are 58 variations in the design of the peaked forage cap, which will be worn with No. 1 Dress on ceremonial occasions. Blue, dark green, scarlet, red, crimson or white, they will have bands and welts

in two shades of yellow, two shades of blue, three shades of red, and in grey, black, cherry, maroon or white. Five varieties of beret will be issued for "walking-out."

In all, the specifications for the new uniform total 150 pages of closely-typed foolscap paper. This does not include the variations for the Scottish regiments, final details for which are now being completed. Highland regiments will wear the kilt and a dunnock of pipe green. Lowland regiments will be dressed in trews and a blue, short-skirted doublet, on traditional lines. Apart from the kilts and trews, which are already in existence, there are 11 variations of the No. 1 Dress for Scottish regiments.

NORMAN HARTNELL

The No. 1 Dress is, of course, only one job among many for Mr. Thomas and his staff at Woolwich. They have designed the new uniforms for the RAF, the WRAC and the regional bands of the Air Force, which are now being prepared. They are preparing the new WRAC uniform—designed by Norman Hartnell but developed at Woolwich. The department was also responsible for the new uniform in which London's policemen appeared in 1946.

Clothing of every type and variety is designed and developed at Woolwich. During the past few months alone, garments turned out by the Section have included inner and outer "parkies" for cold weather wear, a white drill uniform for Army officers on tropical service, bush jackets, a dress in white silk for the WRAC, a battle dress for the RAF, and a dress for the Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service. The new combat suit for the Army, which is now undergoing field trials, was also produced at Woolwich.

On an average, almost 100 new garments are designed and developed by the GDS each year.

SEALED PATTERNS

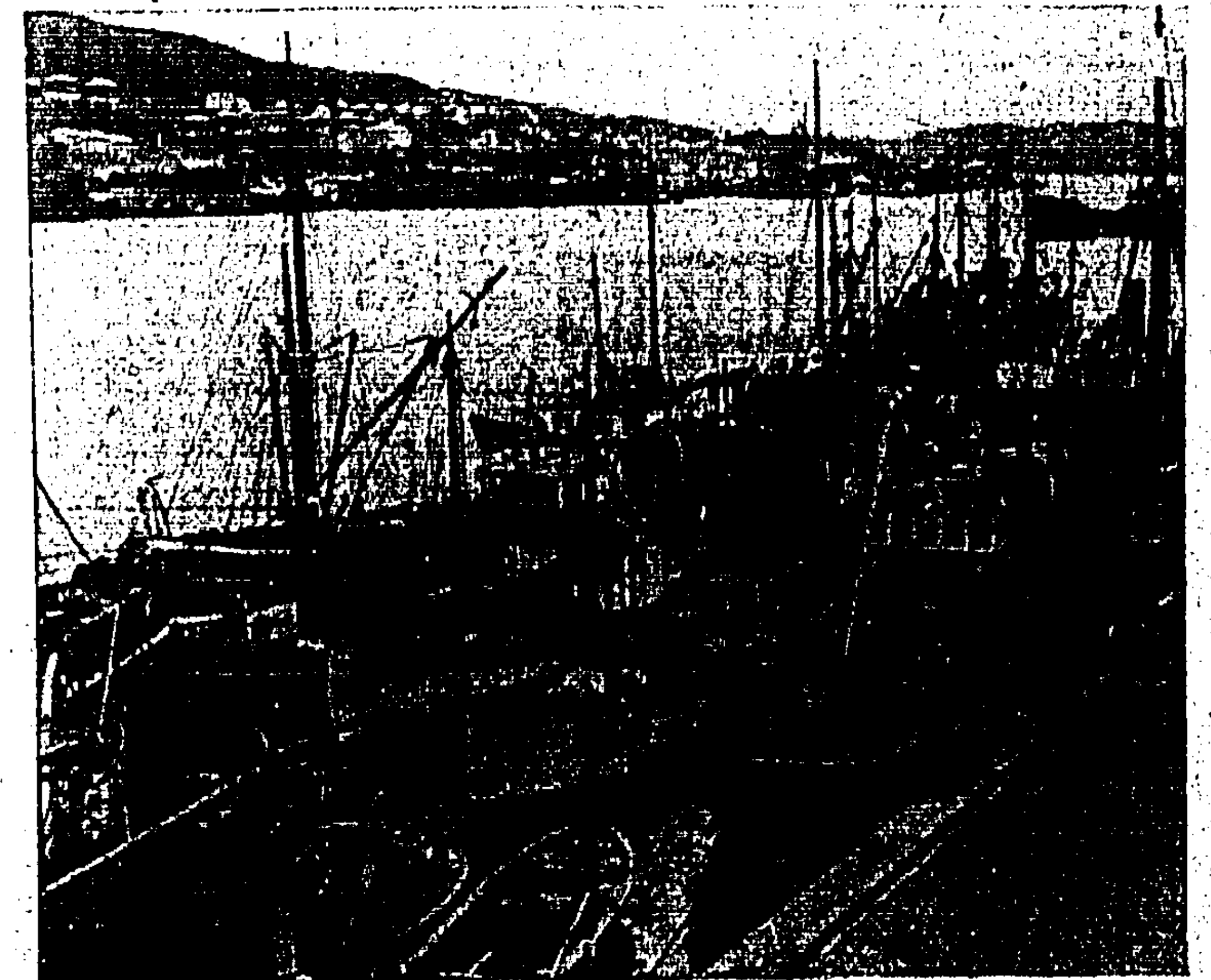
Over 200 garments and over 600 patterns were produced by the Section in January and February. During the past six months, 815 prototype and Service-trial garments were made in the workshops at Woolwich.

The "sealed pattern" prototype of the new No. 1 Dress will soon take its place alongside its forerunners. It will be stored in the GDS workshops with the pit-war full dress uniforms of the Army, a complete range of which is kept at Woolwich.

They form a fascinating collection. Drab wooden crates in the workshop open to reveal the scarlet marmoset and yellow of the "cherry pickers", old full-dress, or the gorgeous scarlet and gold brocade of a State Trumpeter's tunic. The sombre splendour of a Scots Guards pipemajor's tunic lies above the gay scarlet of the Grenadiers' full dress.

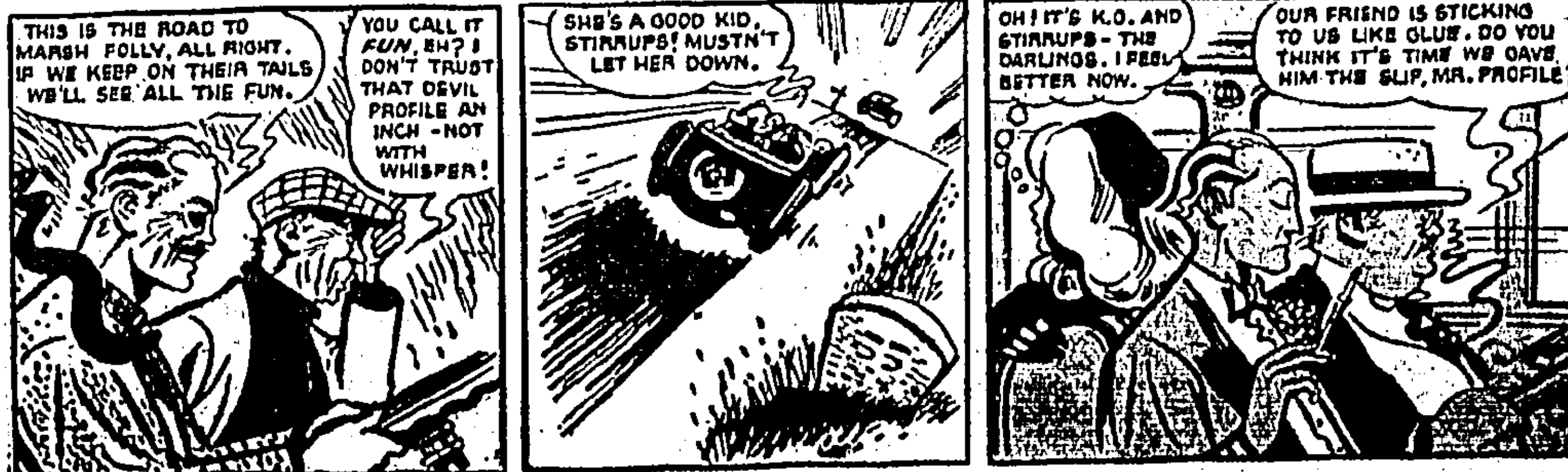
The new "No. 1" is a worthy successor to them all.

BRINGING TREASURE FROM THE SEA



Herring fishing is big business in Norway, and these are just some of 70 boats waiting to unload their cargoes in Bergen Harbour. The value of a single boat's catch ranged from £5,000 to £25,000 — and that's nice fishing. — (Acme).

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



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Is success STILL worth while?

What of the human dynamos—the men who drive themselves on to success, knowing that the tax-collector must take most of the cash profit? Is success still worth while to them?

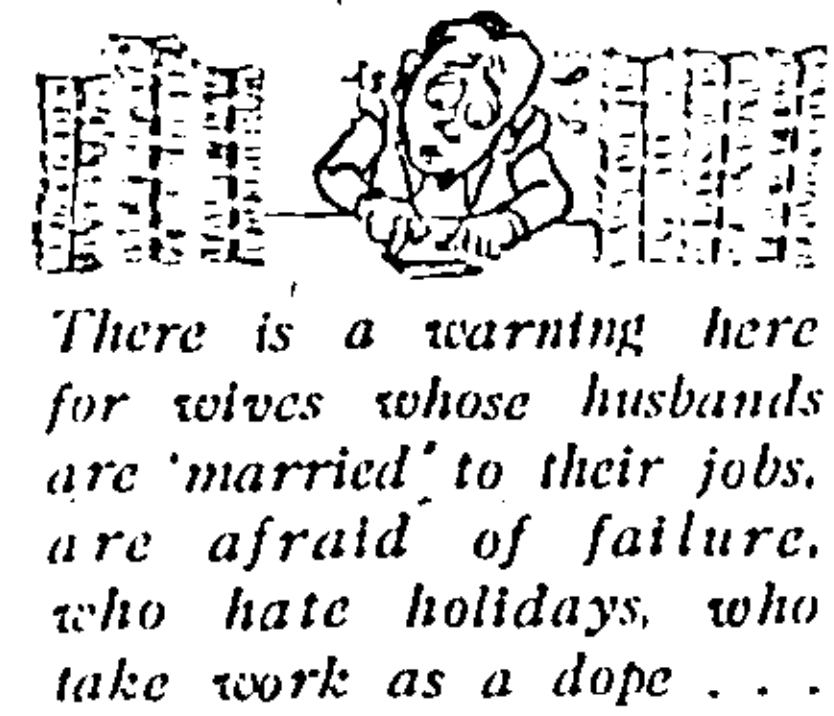
THE RICHEST MAN IN THE CEMETERY

by HOWARD WHITMAN

A FRIEND of mine has just committed suicide, but it didn't say so in the papers. The obituary said "heart attack." That was factually correct.

But anyone who really knew him could be sure he dug his own grave. He dug so fast that he fell into it at 47, instead of living another 20 years.

He killed himself just as dozens of fine men do every day. They succeed themselves to death. In the great competitive scramble they go hog-wild after that house on Money-bag-street, that square cut diamond that car.



There is a warning here for wives whose husbands are married to their jobs, are afraid of failure, who hate holidays, who take work as a dope...

It is unhealthy balance which burns them out. Psychiatrists call it neurotic drive.

Dr. Leo H. Bartemeier, professor of psychiatry, lists four examples of neurotic drive found in the dynamo type:—

1 MR. A throws himself into work with slavish devotion. He eats, drinks, and breathes his work. "He is punishing himself with work."

He doesn't feel he has any right to enjoy life. He must constantly pay penance by working.

Take this man on a holiday, and he has a gnawing uneasiness. He feels he is free-riding. He can't wait to get back to work.

2 MR. B is "married to his work." His work is his love. His wife frequently says, "You think more of your work than you do of me." There is a lot of truth in her charge.

What makes the dynamo whirl? Not brains, dynamo point of adult love. He loves as

an infant loves his toys. He hopes his work will fulfil an infant's dream: To amass more toys than any kid in the neighbourhood.

3 MR. C must "prove he is not a failure." He throws himself into work with grim compulsion using the fear of failure as the whip-lash across his back.

"Often such men's fathers were failures," says Dr. Bartemeier. "They're trying to prove how much better they are."

4 MR. D is what Dr. Bartemeier calls the "anxiety-ridden man." He lives with a vague dread constantly inside him. The only way he can quell it is by all-consuming work.

Work is his medicine. But it is not true medicine, which cures. It is dope medicine, which cures. It is dope to die, which cures. It is dope to die, which cures.

Let Mr. D stop working—let him try to relax—and he finds he can't live with himself.

He finally works himself to a frazzle, and then he doesn't have to bother living at all.

GOOD, honest work, sensibly tackled, doesn't hurt anybody. It may cause fatigue, but it doesn't cause sickness.

A man with a healthy attitude towards work stops automatically when he has had enough, he recharges his batteries. He plays.

The dynamo doesn't know how to play. Even when he goes through the motions of playing he is not playing; he is simply switching all the tensions and anxieties of work to another activity.

Sometimes he falls over dead on the golf course.

"Yet the physical exertion in golf is almost negligible," Dr. Charles A. R. Connor, of the American Heart Association, points out.

"But these men don't go out to play a game of golf. They fight a game of golf. They're working, not playing."

I looked over the score sheet for a group of 142 executives of one large firm.

Fifty-three had heart diseases, 15 had serious heart conditions, eight had ulcers, 35 had digestive diseases, 52 had nervous and mental disorders, 23 were hysterical, 32 had eye or other diseases, 20 had skin diseases, and 26 had diseases of the bone and organs of movement.

Many spilled over into two or three categories. Only 12—out of 142—had clean bills of health.

Heart disease

A STUDY by Dr. H. L. Smith, reported in 1937, showed that heart (coronary) disease was twice as common among bankers and lawyers who work sitting down—as among sweating toiling farmers and labourers.

The body seems to have its own cut-off for physical labour. If we get tired moving the lawn we sit down and rest.

But the mind doesn't seem to have any cut-off.

What to do? Perhaps we should concentrate less on making a living. Perhaps we should concentrate more on making a life.

Maybe what we really need to do is grow up.

The hard-driving money-grubber is psychologically like the baby-sitter who must prove personal prestige by collecting dance programmes and autographs.

Grown up

WHAT is maturity? "The grown-up man has his prestige and security within him," says Detroit's Dr. Bartemeier. "He doesn't have to make £10,000 a year. He doesn't need the biggest car. He is able to love his wife and children. He has faith in them."

"He can play. He can even mix play with his work. There is nothing eating him up inside."

Such a man is not a money slave. He realises that being the richest man on earth might have its advantages. But being the richest man in the cemetery—that's not success.

—London Express Service.

1 WASHINGTON NIGHT COSTS YEAR'S SALARY

By FREDERICK COOK

ASK any British diplomat ever assigned to Washington and he will tell you that the hardest part of the job here is keeping up with the social life. Party-giving has become Washington's biggest business.

It calls for an iron digestion, a strong pair of feet and a clear head to put in an appearance at a tenth of the parties given every season and still do any worthwhile work at the Embassy next day.

It has been computed that for the price of one of Washington's monster parties, you could buy a fair-sized house and fill it with good furniture.

A party given by anyone of the prominence of Secretary Don Acheson and his wife may bring out anything from 1200 to 1500 guests.

In the course of the evening they will do away with seven or eight gallons of hot consommé; 60 or 70 lb. of fish; 50 lb. of choice Maine lobster; 200 lb. of smoked Smithfield ham; 50 or 60 lb. of beef; 40 lb. of smoked salmon; 20 lb. of moussau au feu gras; 60 lb. or so of chicken galantine; 30 to 50 gallons of salad; thousands of chickens and sandwiches; a thousand hot rolls; and incalculable numbers of salted peanuts and potato crisps, not to mention a few thousand packets of cigarettes.

A party of this size—by no means rare in Washington—will also drink up 16 or 20 cases of champagne; 15 cases of whisky, mostly Scotch; a couple of cases of gin; 12 or more bottles of sherry; and countless gallons of orange juice.

It is by no means unusual for a single party to cost an official as much as he earns in a year. One of Mr. Acheson's bigger affairs, for example, will cost anywhere from £3,300 to £5,000. His annual pay is £5,000.

Fortunately for him, there is a rule that if he has two foreign guests (a single one will not do, no matter how important) the party becomes a diplomatic occasion and the State Department will pick up the bills.

This is true in various ways for most of the givers of Washington parties, who include all manner of people.

There are the frankly "interested" lobbyists, who give

parties in the hope that Government people with "pull" where the pulling is "good" will show up.

Paying the bills for these are the great oil companies, the railroads, the big engineering concerns hoping for a fat contract, public relations outfits representing clients who discreetly stay in the background but whose hand is clearly visible to be initiated.

Foreign embassies take care of the hunger and thirst of those close to the Administration or in Congress who, they hope, will wield some influence some day.

Social climbers pour out their money in the hope of landing a party lion.

Government officials provide free drinks and food to square their social obligations.

Biggest and braggiest of all the Washington binges are those given by trade associations or groups of "Big Business" men with axes to grind.

A thousand businessmen from all over America held a monster party the other day in an hotel near the White House, and spent £16,700 in three hours on food and drink alone.

Another Washington hotel considers it has had an unusually poor year if it has not catered to at least 90 such affairs, with at least 100,000 guests.

To wine and dine them all, this hotel employs 700 waiters and 110 chefs. There are not less than 50 big catering firms in Washington who do nothing but take care of the party trade.

Most lavish of the diplomatic receptions are the rare but super-elegant affairs given by the State Department each year to mark the anniversary of the October Revolution.

By comparison, Britain's big Embassy on Massachusetts Avenue—outwardly by far the most impressive on Washington's Embassy Row—is an abode of austerity. Parties there are rare and the fare is modest.

Mr. Truman (who, in addition to his £33,300 a year, gets a £10,000 tax free expenses allowance and an additional £13,300 for entertaining and travelling) is no lover of big and lavish parties.

He has taken the opportunity offered by the White House repairs and his temporary residence across the street to cut down on his entertaining bills.

—London Express Service.

C. V. R. Thompson on tour Life starts at sunset with six-shooters

FORT WORTH, Texas. THIS is more like it. I drove 33 miles today, and in Texas that is just like crossing the street.

Yet the short journey brought me from Dallas, a Texas city preoccupied with the less lively arts, into a city as rip-roaring as any Hollywood has portrayed for us.

Coming into Fort Worth, I could not lose the illusion that I was driving across the set of "The Gal of Furious Creek."

Even although cars, instead of horses, were parked by the pavements—pardon me, sidewalks—the ferbisons were two feet high.

COWBOYS, bowlegged from the saddle, strutted in and out of the swinging doors of taverns.

But along the main street it seems more of a reality than a stage set. I was in a town where men live dangerously.

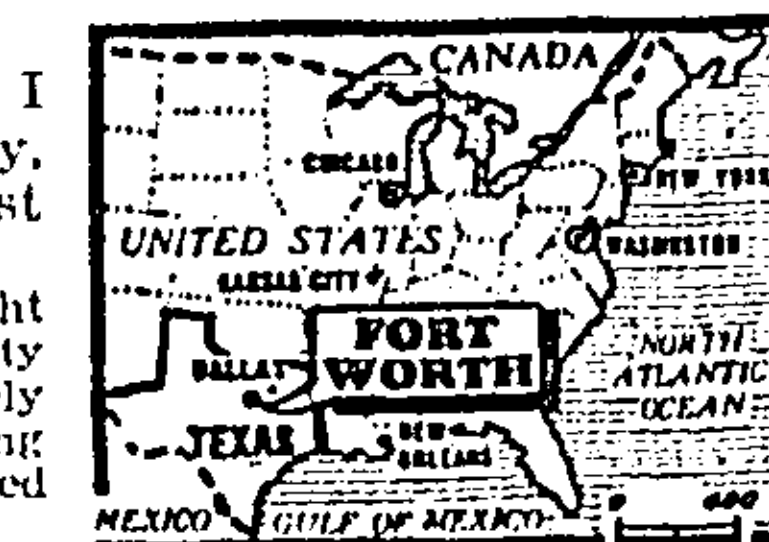
I felt silly without a ten-gallon hat and a little uncomfortable without a six-shooter.

AT NIGHTFALL I regretted my lack of armament still more.

Apparently Fort Worth, a city fiercely jealous of its reputation as the biggest cow town of them all, comes to life as the sun goes down.

Anybody I noticed that the streets suddenly swarmed with deputy sheriffs.

They were not quite like the ones we see in the films, except that they had that star on their breast and that Colt in their holster.



BY 10 O'CLOCK their sirens were screaming regularly.

I followed some of them, and once or twice I arrived in time to see them put two fighting Time-ans and take one or both of them to what is known, I believe, as the Hoosgow.

But they assured me tonight, as week-end nights go, was a quiet one.

Of course, the people of Fort Worth do a great deal more than kill cattle: at the rate of 1,500,000 head a year and, occasionally, each other.

But it is in a cow town, and as the most "cowtown" town in Texas, that Fort Worth likes to be known.

Perhaps the chief reason for this preference is that it is what Fort Worth's chief citizen, Amon Carter, wants.

Carter, I scarcely need add, is a multi-millionaire (around £50,000,000), and at 60 he is still the cow town's most belligerent booster.

For every important visitor he provides two surprises—a Steak and a volley of blanks fired usually during dinner, from his silver six-shooter.

NANCY Soot Yourself



By Ernie Bushmiller



from "Brigadoon" (Loewe and Loewe); 10.45, "Time for Music" (BBC); Midland Light Orchestra (BCTC); 11.15, Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain (London Relay Recorded); God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

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